# Septentrio Company & Technology



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## **Company overview**



#### **MISSION**

Design, develop & commercialize Professional GNSS Receivers

Based on the Company's proprietary satellite navigation technology

- Spin-off of IMEC, Europe's premier independent microelectronics R&D center – <a href="http://www.imec.be">http://www.imec.be</a>
- Leading European developer of professional GPS/EGNOS and receivers for all Galileo services
- Septentrio: a recognized European center of excellence for complete GNSS receiver manufacturing



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## Septentrio Technology



Septentrio owns IP and competence for all critical building blocks required for receiver design.

## Proprietary Septentrio Technology includes

- Digital baseband on ASICs or flexible FPGA platforms
- Discrete AFE designs and RF ASICs
- Algorithms
  - Tracking algorithms for superior sensitivity
  - Innovative tracking algorithms for Galileo signals
  - Patent pending A Posteriori Multipath Estimator (APME)
  - # High precision static positioning, RTK and attitude algorithms
  - RAIM ...



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## PolaRx – Flexible platform

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- State-of-the-art GPS L1/L2 Receivers
- Fully EGNOS/WAAS capable
- 48 HW channels can be flexibly assigned
- Integration and communication (LINUX, Ethernet, on board logging)





- Single board multiantenna/heading/attitude
- Expansion board via PCI (for L2C)
- Advanced geodetic features
- Easy to use and accompanied by excellent documentation



## PolaRx - High-end Performance Septentric



#### High accuracy positioning $(1\sigma)$

- Stand-Alone Position:
  - Horizontal1.1 m
  - Vertical 1.9 m
- Stand-Alone Velocity:
  - Horizontal1.5 mm/s
  - Vertical 1.9 mm/s
- SBAS Position:
  - + Horizontal0.7 m
  - Vertical 1.2 m
- A RTK
  - Horizontal0.3 cm + 0.5 ppm
  - Vertical 0.6 cm + 1ppm
  - Avg time to fix (10 km baseline): 7 sec

## PolaRx2/2e Family



#### - PolaRx2 SBAS

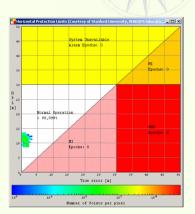
GPS/EGNOS/WAAS

Up to 6 concurrent GEO channels

Extensive extra SBAS functionality

#### - PolaRx2 OEM

Flexible OEM-card platform for variety of applications



#### - PolaRx2@

Compact single board multi-antenna/attitude receiver

Raw data, heading and attitude from up to 3 antennas at up to 10 Hz



#### - PolaRx2TR

Highly accurate geodetic and Precise Timing receiver Very low measurement noise, high tracking sensitivity, low cycle slip count

CORS application: LINUX core, Ethernet connectivity, remote mgt and logging...



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### The Case for Galileo



"GPS alone is good enough. Why need Galileo?"....

- Availability
  - One system provides 50% availability
  - Two systems: availability 95% (nominal constellations)
  - More availability essential for every user segment (mass market to professional)
  - Combined receivers will be the standard
- Accuracy
  - Improved accuracy thru better DOP and better signals
- Integrity
  - Built-in new capability which does not exist on GPS
  - You can trust what you read

## An exciting Galileo track record

- + High-Level Working Group on GNSS-2
  - # Early concepts, architecture, funding model...
- Founding Member of Galileo Services
  - Promoting a strategic project in Europe and around the world
- Participating in Galileo Receiver Design since beginning
  - 2001 Receiver Requirements
  - 2002 Reference Receiver Design
  - **4** 2004 Delivered first Galileo receiver model to ESA
  - **2005 ESA Contract for Test User Receivers**
  - 2005 Delivered GSTBv2 receivers, first ever to capture Galileo signal from space
- January 12, 2006: first-ever Galileo signals received
- Numerous projects for receiver development & testing

## Galileo development activities



## Engineering contracts:

- Prime contractor for ESA Galileo Test User Segment
  - Building and testing receivers for all services
  - Leading a consortium of 7 European companies: QinetiQ (UK), TU Delft (NL), Ursa Minor (NL), OMP (B), Deimos (E), Skysoft (P)
  - Contract till In-Orbit Validation (IOV)
- Septentrio leading and participating in various FP6
   Galileo receiver and application projects:
  - Leading Professional Receiver Development (SWIRLS) with Allsat
  - Participating to Maritime and Aviation application projects
  - http://www.gju-swirls.com

## GIOVE-A: The first ever Galileo signal from space

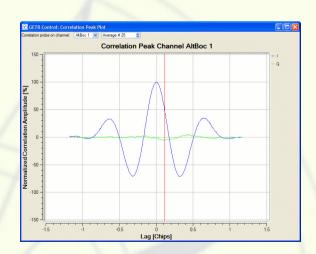


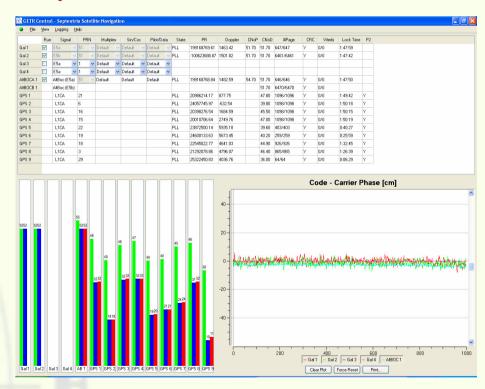
Satellite successfully launched December 28, 2005

First signals received on January 12, 2006

with Septentrio Galileo Experimental Test Receiver

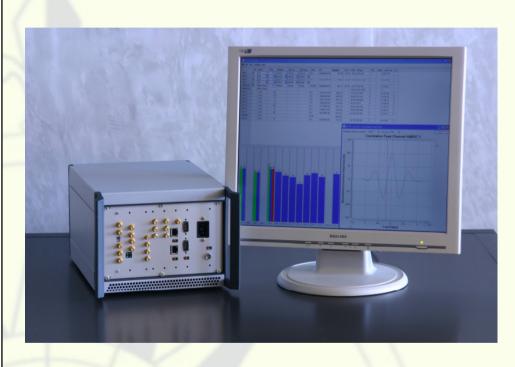
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# First commercially available GPS/Galileo Receiver





- Ready to receive signals from first Galileo satellites (end 2005)
- All Galileo signals supported
- Incl GPS dual-frequency receiver
- Support for GPS L5
- Technology used for testing GSTBv2 satellites
- Includes GUI and advanced user and development tools (incl. IF samples)
- Upgradable to IOV constellation

## Introducing AsteRx1

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High-quality compact single frequency OEM board for high-end applications

- 24 SV, Generic Channel design : GPS L1 CA - Galileo BOC(1,1) – SBAS L1
- Code and carrier phase measurements
- Low measurement noise
- High-quality PVT
- Single-frequency RTK
  - float : 20 cm (horizontal) after convergence
- + High update rate (up to 50 Hz) / low latency (< 10 ms independent of update rate)</p>
- ⊕ Low power < 1W</p>
- ⊕ 3 COM ports, USB 2.0



### Interfaces

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- USB 2.0 full-speed device interface
- 3 high-speed COM ports:
  - ◆ full RS232 or
  - ⊕ Rx/Tx LVTTL
- GPIO for
  - 2 event-inputs
  - Programmable PPS-out
  - Tracking/PVT/... Status
  - Φ ...
- All interfaces available via 2 x 40 pins socket (SAMTEC SFM-family)

## Easy to integrate

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- Dimensions: apx 55 x 75 mm, 28 gr
- ₱ 5 VDC ±5% power supply, < 1 W
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- Innovative power management :
  - # 3 power modes: ON / Sleep (max 2 mW) / OFF
    - Wake-up from sleep:
      - Scheduled wake-up
      - COM-port activity
      - Wake-up pin
- Many configuration possibilities for flexible operation and integration
- Powerful command language, various output formats (binary and Ascii)
- MMCX antenna connector, antenna power supply, protected against short etc



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# **Septentrio the strategic partner for GNSS business**



- GNSS expertise over the full development cycle
  - Unique in Europe
  - Experience in commercial professional receivers and applications
- Unmatched experience and track record in Galileo receiver development:
  - First-ever Galileo signals received with Septentrio receivers
  - Prime Contractor for IOV Test User Segment
  - Coordinator for FP6 Professional Receiver Development
- Flexible and customer-oriented team

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